

OPEN for applications: Network for early career researchers in the criminal justice voluntary sector

Dr Philippa Tomczak (Leverhulme Trust Early Career Research Fellow, University of Sheffield Centre for Criminological Research) has been awarded a British Academy Rising Star Engagement Award to launch the new international, multidisciplinary *voluntary sector in criminal justice* research network for academics, practitioners and policymakers, championed by Professor Sir Anthony Bottoms (Universities of Cambridge and Sheffield) and Professor Joanna Shapland (University of Sheffield).

Given that voluntary organisations are increasingly implicated in criminal justice but have attracted little scholarship, Philippa has established an international, multidisciplinary network of researchers, practitioners and policymakers working in the criminal justice voluntary sector, to be launched through two engagement events and developed by promising early career researchers (*including PhD students and those upto 5 years post PhD confirmation. There are places for international scholars*). The outputs from this unique collective will advance international theoretical and empirical research agendas.

The call for early career scholars to join the new voluntary sector in criminal justice research network is now open! The scheme notes and application form can be found on the right hand side of this webpage:

http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/law/research/clusters/ccr/conferences/voluntary_sector_criminal_justice

Please return the application form and your CV to p.j.tomczak@sheffield.ac.uk by **12pm GMT on Monday 3rd April 2017**. Queries are welcome.

This tailored mentoring scheme involves participating in engagement events in June 2017 and January 2018, and working with Dr Philippa Tomczak, Professor Tony Bottoms, Professor Joanna Shapland and Dr David Thompson (University of Sheffield) to establish and sustain a criminal justice voluntary sector research network. Approximately 10 early career scholars will be selected for the scheme and go on to form the network steering group. This scheme offers a rare, prestigious and extremely valuable opportunity to contribute to establishing and sustaining a specialist international, multidisciplinary, cross-sectoral research network; and offers access to cutting edge seminars and international presentation opportunities.

Please note that the scholars selected will be expected to *actively* contribute to the events and research network, albeit in ways that suit their research interests and skills.

If selected for the mentoring scheme, early career researchers will receive free places at both engagement events, a travel allowance, refreshments and accommodation during the events (and for the night before where required).

There are no specific eligibility criteria, beyond early career status. Enthusiasm to participate and develop the network is the key requirement.

We very much look forward to receiving your applications.

Regards, Philippa